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For: WEDGE RAMP DISTRACTOR FOR USE IN  
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.312**

Dear Sir:

Further to the Notice of Allowance mailed on March 24, 2009 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made to the application.